LONDON, C. W., Sept. 4th, 1861.

DEAR SIR,—It is my duty to apprize you that at the proposed Conference to be held here on Wednesday, the 25th inst., besides an expected address from Mr. McGee, and, possibly, a series of resolutions proper to the occasion, the following project of an open organization, prepared by one of our most experienced and influential friends, will be submitted for consideration. Of course it is only a *project*, and, therefore, is not intended in its present rough state to be made public.

Yours very truly,

JOHN WRIGHT,
CHAIRMAN.

P. DARBEY,
SECRETARY.

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PROJECT OF AN

# OPEN ORGANIZATION,

TO BE CALLED

# "THE IRISH SOCIETY OF CANADA."

I. That as all unsystematic efforts to remedy any serious public evil, or to promote any great public good, are vain and fruitless, an organization should be forthwith entered into, to be known and called "THE IRISH SOCIETY OF CANADA."

II. That the objects of this Society will be to diffuse sound political information among our countrymen already settled in the Province, and to convert the Irish emigrant as rapidly as possible, into an actual settler.

III. That though the objects are Irish enlightenment and Irish advancement, any man, of any origin or creed may be a member or officer of the Society, provided he makes a public declaration on admission, that he is not a member of any secret, politico-religious society, Protestant or Catholic.

IV. That the following Districts be created in Upper Canada; and that the Society's operations, as soon as practicable, be extended to Lower Canada:—

THE DISTRICT OF OTTAWA—Comprising the ten counties of Renfrew, Lanark, Leeds, Grenville, Carleton, Dundas, Stormont, Russell, Prescott and Glengarry. The General Committee of Eleven to meet at Ottawa City—being one member for each county, and one for Ottawa City.

THE DISTRICT OF KINGSTON—Comprising the eight counties of Frontenac, Addington, Prince Edward, Hastings, Northumberland, Peterboro, Durham and Victoria. The General Committee of Nine members to meet at the City of Kingston—including one member for each county and one for the City of Kingston.

THE DISTRICT OF TORONTO—Comprising the counties of Ontario, York, Peel, Simcoe, Halton, Waterloo, Wellington and Gray, with a General Committee of nine members to meet at the City of Toronto, including one member for each County, and one for Toronto City.

THE DISTRICT OF HAMILTON—Comprising the counties of Welland, Lincoln, Haldimand, Brant, Norfolk and Wentworth; the General Committee, consisting of seven members—one for each County and one for the City of Hamilton, to meet at Hamilton.

THE DISTRICT OF LONDON—Comprising the counties of Elgin, Kent, Essex, Lambton, Huron, Bruce, Perth, Oxford and Middlesex, with a General Committee of [illegible] members, including one for the City of London, to meet at London.

V. That a Committee be now appointed to draw up a uniform series of rules for District and also for County Organizations; such rules to be submitted for approval at the next annual meeting of the General Conference—the foregoing series of resolutions to be held, in the interim, as the provisional Constitution of the whole Organization.

VI. That each District shall be entitled to send as many delegates to the General Conference as there are members in its Committee; and that the same persons who serve on the Committee shall also serve on the delegation; yet in case of a member's sickness, or other reasonable cause, a substitute may be chosen by vote of the District Committee.

VII. That the County Branches meet at least once a year, viz.: on the 17th day of March; that the District Committees meet for business immediately after Easter in each year; and that the Grand Conference meet on the 25th July, Saint James' Day, and not oftener, unless specially called together.

VIII. That a *minimum* subscription of $1 be required of every member on his admission, to be renewed at the annual March meeting; and that the funds thus accruing shall be disposed of as follows: One third of the total to be reserved for Society's and Delegates' expenses; one third to be paid over to the District Committee to the credit of "The Publication Fund," and the remaining third to be likewise paid over to the credit of "The Emigration Fund." An annual Financial Statement, properly audited, to be submitted at the General Conference, and transmitted through the members of the District Committees to the various County Societies.

IX. The General Conference to adopt rules of order for its own proceedings at the annual meeting of 1862.

X. The meetings of Conference to be held alternately at the District capitals.